

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Top panel section 10 includes a top edge 20 that forms a part of the bottom or base of the top rail 16. It further includes a bottom edge 22, a pair of laterally spaced apart side skins 24, 26 and a plurality of horizontal webs 28. The top rail 16 includes an outside skin 30, a top skin 32, an inside skin 34, and a bottom skin 36 and one or two webs 38. All portions of the top panel section 10 are horizontally elongated, preferably for the full length of the trailer. The top edge 20, a substantial portion of the bottom edge 22, skins 32, 36 and the webs 28, 38 all extend horizontally. The side skins 24, 26, 30, 34 extend vertically. As clearly shown by Fig. 1, outside skins 24, [20] 30 are different sections of a continuous single skin that extends from the bottom edge 22 up to the top skin 32. Inside skin 34 is offset outwardly from inside skin 36. Webs 28 and edge walls 20, 22 divide the space that is laterally between the side skins 24, 26 into horizontally elongated spaces 40. Webs 38 define the space that is laterally between skins 30, [32] 34 into three spaces 42. Spaces 40, 42 are horizontally elongated spaces. As previously described, the top panel section 10 is a one-piece extrusion. It is preferably formed from a metal that is predominately aluminum.

Bottom panel section 14 is also a continuous single piece extrusion. It is formed of outside and inside skins 56, 58 that are in separate, parallel vertical planes. The space between the skins 56, 58 is divided into smaller spaces by horizontal webs 60. Webs 60 divide the larger space into smaller spaces or cells 62. Bottom panel section 14 includes a top edge wall [66] 68 and a bottom edge wall 70. It also includes the aforementioned side rail 18. In this embodiment, the side rail 18 has an inner wall 72 that includes the inside skin 58 plus some additional thickness. It also includes a top wall 74, an inside wall 76, and a bottom wall 78. Walls 74, 76, 78 are substantially equal

in thickness. Wall 72 has a thickness that is substantially the sum of the thickness of walls 76 and the skin 58.

Amend page 11 as follows:

5 As shown by Fig. 7, the skin portion 94 is thicker than the skin portions 56, 58. It is thick enough to allow the end portion of beams 98 to be welded to the skin portions 94. The side rail [104]18 is also made thick enough so that it can welded to the top flanges of the transverse beams 98.